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NOTES

Lockwood Freed by Argentine Police After Shootout

On 31 August British financier Charles A. Lockwood was freed by police after a gunfight in which four of the terrorists guarding Lockwood were killed and one policeman was wounded. The police attacked a brick home in the suburban Pilar area of Buenos Aires, which was serving as a terrorist hideout and "people's prison." The police did not state how they learned about the hideout. No ransom demands for Lockwood's release were ever made public, and it is not known if any ransom was paid. The police believe the kidnappers were members of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP). Lockwood, who was held by his captors for a month, has left Argentina with his family for an undisclosed destination.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date: 26-27 August 1975

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires
Cordoba

Numerous Terrorist Attacks in Argentina

FBI sources reported that about 40 terrorist actions took place from the night of 26 August through the evening of 27 August. These included attacks with bombs or Molotov cocktails at the British Embassy, a Dodge automobile showroom, and the residence of a Ford Motor Company executive. No personal injuries resulted from these explosions. The U.S. Embassy believes the terrorists were Montoneros. An FBI source also reported that in Cordoba unidentified terrorists abducted an employee of Transax Axle Company, a Ford subsidiary.

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Otis Executive Released in Argentina

On 22 August John Daloubiex, an Otis Elevator executive who was kidnapped on 8 July along with Nicole Raczkowsky, a female companion, was released after the payment of $2.45 million in ransom, $250 thousand of which was in Argentine pesos. Daloubiex, a French national, was described as being in poor physical condition. Daloubiex and Raczkowsky were seized after Daloubiex dismissed the security guards provided by Otis, and the two went out nightclubbing. The identity of Daloubiex's abductors is not known, although the 22 August release date suggests that his abduction may have been a political rather than criminal act. 22 August 1972 is the date of the Trelew Massacre, in which a number of Argentine terrorists were shot "while escaping" from Trelew prison.

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I. Terrorist Threats and Plans:

Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target: Possibly U.S. CITIZENS

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Current

** The Montoneros are planning to undertake a terrorist campaign, , in an attempt to force the present Argentine government out of office and to bring about elections in which they can legally participate. A specific target during the current terrorist cycle, which will run through October, may be located in the General Pacheco section of Buenos Aires. Although Americans per se are not known to be current prime targets, the source commented that the Hotel California, located opposite the Ford Motor Company in this section, is known to be frequented by Americans and would be a logical target.

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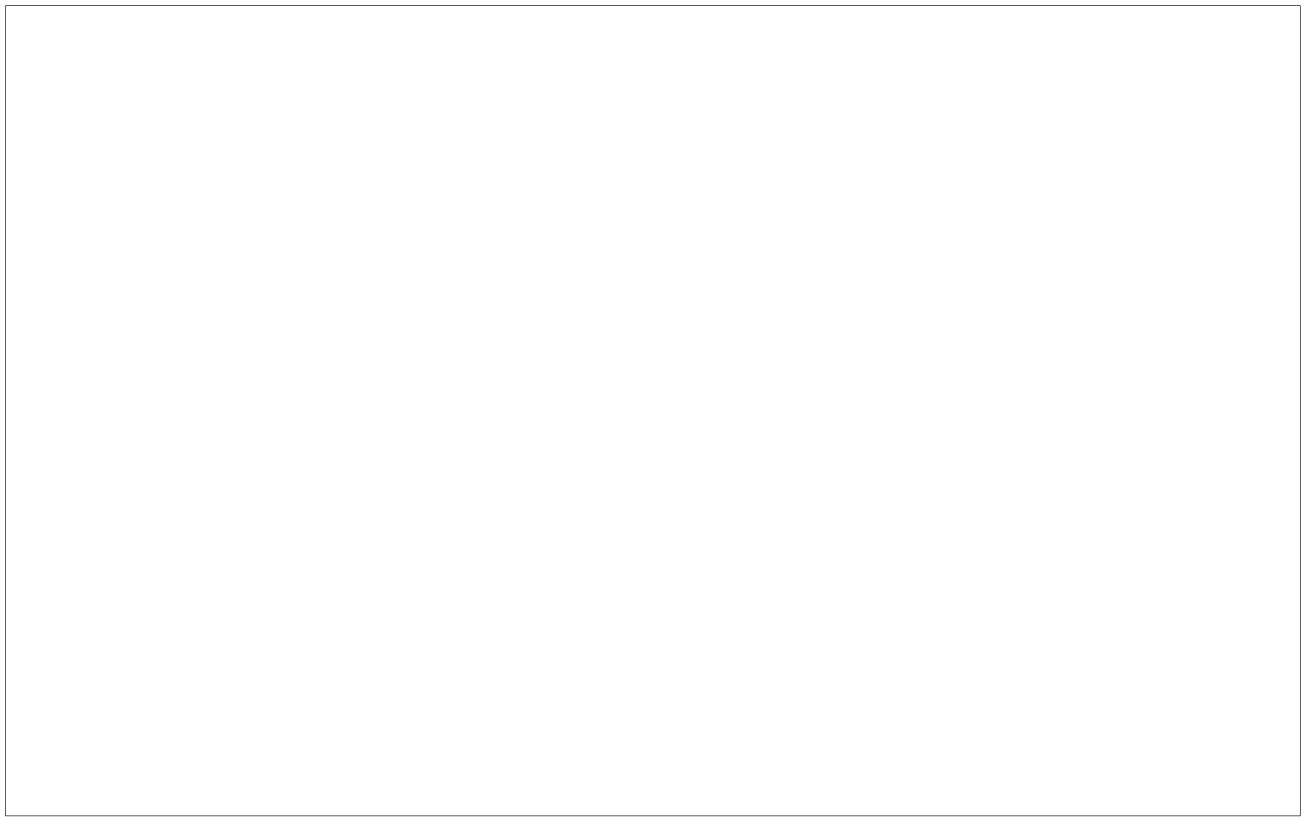

Argentine Government Outlaws Montoneros

On 8 September the Argentine government declared the Montoneros to be an illegal organization. This move follows by a year the Montonero declaration that it was going underground to fight against government oppression. Along with this official proscription, the Argentine military is moving to insert itself more directly in counterterrorist plans and operations. The new corps commanders appointed after the recent political crisis are all hard-liners against terrorism. Among other things, the military is vigorously pressing for the establishment of a national security coordinating committee which would coordinate all activities of the anti-terrorist campaign. The military also wants the establishment of a military tribunal to try all those accused of subversion.

Since mid-1973 the strategy of the leftist terrorist groups in Argentina has been to provoke a military takeover. They hope that popular revulsion against the military will arise from the takeover and that the left will emerge victorious, through popular revolution or some other means. It now

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looks as if the terrorists are beginning to succeed in their strategy, but it also appears that a major crackdown against the terrorists is in the offing. 3.5(c)

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Target: Possibly U.S. CITIZENS

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Current

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The Montoneros are planning a terrorist campaign in an attempt to bring down the present government,

Although Americans were not cited as the target the section of Buenos Aires designated as the target area contains the Ford Motor Company and the Hotel California, which is known to be frequented by Americans and

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